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FOR FOR AMBASSADOR EASUM

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, NI, GY
SUBJECT: GARBA MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY; REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ON GUYANA

REF: (A) STATE 52833 (NOTAL) (B) LAGOS 195 (NOTAL);
(C) 76 LAGOS 6850

1; SUMMARY. IN FRIENDLY, WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION WITH
COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA MARCH 17, CHARGE GAVE
GARBASECRETARY VANCE'S LETTER OF MARCH 117AND INDICATED
SECRETARY'S HOPE TO MEET HIM. GARBA WAS VERY PLEASED WITH
LETTER, SUGGESTED MARCH 13 MEETING, AND EXPRESSED SPECIAL
INTREST IN RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT REPORTED CURRENT
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER AND SECRETARY
VANCE. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE ON
GARBA'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY AND ANYTHING THAT CAN BE PASSED
ON RE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH GUYANESE. END SUMMARY.

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2. CHARGE CALLED ON COMMISSIONER GARBA MARCH 17 AND HAD
CONSTRUCTIVE 50-MINUTE DISCUSSION ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS,
SOME BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. HAVING THIS MORNING FORTUITOUSLY
RECEIVED SECRETARY VANCE'S MARCH 11 LETTER TO GARBA, CHARGE
TOOK IT IN HARD COPY TO THE COMMISSIONER, PROMISING SMOOTH
TYPED VERSION LATER. GARBA READ LETTER CAREFULLY AND
EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT HAVING IT AND SATISFACTION WITH ITS

CONTENT. CHARGE INFORMED HIM OF SECRETARY'S HOPE TO MEET HIM SOON; AND BARBA SUGGESTED MARCH 23. HE SAID HE PLANS TO LEAVE LAGOS MARCH 19, ARRIVE NEW YORK MARCH 21, SPEAK IN DEBATE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA MARCH 22, AND COULD CALL ON THE SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON MARCH 23 BEFORE THE LATTER LEAVES FOR THE SOVIET UNION; CHARGE SAID HE WOULD PASS THIS ON AT ONCE AND REPORT WASHINGTON REACTION SOONEST.

3. PURSUANT REF (A), CHARGE EXPRESSED DEPARTMENT'S RELUCTANCE BECOME INVOLVED IN EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY PROBLEM AND APPEAR TO SIDE WITH ONE PARTY OR OTHER. GARBA APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND AND SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED THAT KENYATTA AND NYERERE ARE MEETING, HE THOUGHT IN DAR ES SALAAM, TO TRY TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES. HE SAID IT WAS TOO BAD AMIN COULD NOT JOINT THEM, BUT THE DIFFICULTY OF HIS MEETING WITH NYERERE WAS OBVIOUS, EVEN THOUGH NYERERE HAD SAID HE WAS WILLING TO DO SO IN ARUSHA. GARBA SAID HE HOPED KENYATTA AND NYERERE WOULD BE ABLE TO PATCH UP THEIR DIFFERENCES AND WITH THEIR COMBINED STRENGTH TO BRING AMIN ALONG. HE SAID KENYATTA WAS ESSENTIAL IN THIS, AS AMIN IS MUCH MORE WILLING TO DEAL WITH HIM THAN WITH NYERERE.

4. AFTER DISCUSSION OTHER TOPICS, GARBA RAISED QUESTION OF GUYANA (REFTELS (B) AND (C)), SAID THE GUYANESE HAVE BEEN IMPORTUNING HIM WITH CHARGES OF US DE-STABILIZATION, ETC. AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER IS MEETING OR HAS JUST MET WITH SECRETARY VANCE. GARBA SEEMED IMPATIENT WITH ACD NOT SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER SUBSTANCE OF GUYANESE CHARGES, BUT HE SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THE GUYANESE WOULD BE BRINGING THEM
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UP AGAIN WITH HIM IN INDIA (PRESUMABLY AT UPCOMING MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE); HE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE BEING ARMED WITH ANY INFORMATION WE CAN PROVIDE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REPORTED CURRENT GUYANESE EXCHANGE WITH THE SECRETARY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION BY IMMEDIATE CABLE OF ACCEPTABILITY OF GARBA MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY MARCH 23 AND A PROPOSED TIME SO WE CAN PASS THIS TO GARBA MARCH 18;
(B) WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT WISHES PROVIDE RE PARA 4 ABOVE, OR ALTERNATIVELY INDICATION WHETHER SECRETARY WOULD BE PREPARED DISCUSS WITH GARBA DURING THEIR MEETING.
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